

PLACER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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TO: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Persons, and Organizations

SUBJECT: PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE FOR THE DOLLAR CREEK SHARED-USE TRAIL PROJECT (PROJECT) – OCTOBER 18, 2011, 4:00 TO 6:00 PM

The County of Placer, in cooperation with partner agencies including the California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) and North Tahoe Public Utility District (NTPUD), has directed the preparation of background studies, preliminary design and preparation of a joint environmental document consisting of an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.) and an Initial Environmental Checklist (IEC) in accordance with Chapter 5 of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Code of Ordinances and Article VI of the TRPA Rules of Procedure. The County of Placer is the lead agency for the Project under CEQA, and the Conservancy and NTPUD will participate as responsible agencies. The Project requires review under CEQA and TRPA to determine whether it may have significant adverse effects on the environment.

Project Title

Dollar Creek Shared-Use Trail Project

Project Location

The Project is located in Placer County, primarily within Conservancy and NTPUD owned properties, between the intersection of Dollar Drive and SR 28 and the terminus of Fulton Crescent Road (see attached location map).

Description of the Proposed Project

The Project establishes a separated shared-use trail, extending the backbone of the existing north shore bicycle trail network, linking residential uses to jobs, schools, shopping, and recreation and community areas. The approximately 2.5 mile long trail will extend the existing Tahoe City to Dollar Point trail, which ends near the intersection of Dollar Drive and SR 28, to the end of Fulton Crescent Road, through public lands commonly know as the Dollar and Firestone properties. The Project will enhance recreational and transportation opportunities by extending the existing paved trail network in the Tahoe City area, including TCPUD's ten mile Class 1 trail from Tahoe City to Sugar Pine Point State Park and the trail along the Truckee River. The project may also include a trailhead parking facility near Dollar Drive and SR 28 for trail users.

The Project alignment generally follows existing native surface trails and roads found on public parcels, encompassing other adjacent parcels nearby as needed to improve trail connections or reduce or avoid environmental effects. The Project implements specific goals and policies of the TRPA (e.g., Goal 2, Policy 2 of the TRPA Recreation Element) to provide non-motorized alternative transportation choices in the Basin. Trail development details are intended to comply with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) guidelines. Although specific technical American Disability Act (ADA) standards have not yet been finalized for public rights-of-way, shared use paths, outdoor recreation access routes, or recreational trails, the design standards for this trail are intended to provide opportunities for people with disabilities and may include informal trail consolidation or decommissioning and restoration of disturbed lands along its length.

Public Informational Open House

The public is invited to attend an informational open house regarding the Project from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at the North Tahoe Event Center (8318 North Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, CA 96143). Agency staff will be available during the open house to answer questions about the Project.

Questions concerning the Project or informational open house can be directed to the Placer County Department of Public Works Deputy Director Peter Kraatz at 530-581-6230 or by email at pkraatz@placer.ca.gov.

